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First Congregational Church
of Woodstock _____

*Declaring, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today,
and forever." Hebrews 13:8*

March 20th, 2022

The Order of Morning Worship

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Ten-thirty

Welcome

Pastor Doug Warren

Prelude & Silent Prayer

❖ Call to Worship

Psalm 19

Congregation

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Congregation: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.

Pastor: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

Congregation: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

❖ Hymn of Exultation #115

*All Creatures of Our
God and King*

Congregation

Scriptural Call to Repentance

Habakkuk 2:14, 18–20

Pastor

Collective Confession

Psalm 25

Congregation

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon our guilt, for it is great. Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted. The troubles of our hearts are enlarged; bring us out of our distresses. Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Proclamation of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

Pastor

Offering

(collected from back to front)

Congregation

❖ Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed*¹

Congregation

Pastor: Christian, what is it that we believe?

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ Creedal Song	<i>Barocha</i>	Congregation
❖ Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 9:19-23	Pastor
	Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,	
	Congregation: but the Word of our God will stand forever.	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor
❖ Hymn of Reflection	<i>God Be Merciful to Me</i>	Congregation
The Sermon	Philippians 1:18-21	Pastor
	<i>“Christ Is Our All”</i>	

² The term “catholic” here means universal and does not mean any particular denomination.

❖ Hymn of Response #691 *It is Well* Congregation

❖ Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14 Pastor

Pastor: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Congregation may be seated after the Benediction for silent prayer.

Postlude

*~ Organist: Jonathan Denham ~
~ Please ensure cell phones are off ~*

Passover and Easter: What's the Connection?

Experience an enlightening worship experience inspired by the Passover Seder instituted in Exodus chapter 12 as a way of reflecting on the meaning of Easter and the Lord's Supper. Join a Seder-inspired Maundy Thursday celebration here at FCCW led by Old Testament scholar Paul Gelsinger Cruz from 6:30-8:00 PM on April 14, 2022. Participation is also available by live stream. This will not be a Seder meal and you should eat your own supper in advance. On-line registration to get your ceremony booklet and Seder box for \$6 per household is coming – look for it! Hope to see you there! The Board of Christian Education

Easter Flowers

Easter plants and flowers always bring beauty to the Easter service. If you would like to share a flowering plant for the Easter service in memory of a loved one and take it home after, please call Carol Powell at 457-3833 or email at carolruthpowell@hotmail.com.

Young Adult Fellowship Group will meet tonight
at 6 pm in the church library.

Property Manager Position

FCCW is looking for a Property Manager. This part-time position requires the person or persons to work a flexible schedule, be able to handle a variety of tasks, and be a good steward of FCCW property. Please contact Karl Huck at 802-457-3072 or e-mail him at karlhuck@gmail.com for more details or to submit an application. Thank you.

New Members and Friends Lists are on the
Table in the Billings Room.

Walking Wednesday

If you would like to walk inside for some exercise and fellowship, meet the Pastor at FCCW at 1:00 pm on Wednesday to go together to the Powerhouse Mall.

Teachers Needed

WCCC is in need of **Teachers/Assistants**, and **Substitutes**. Please contact Ruth Brisson at rbrissonwccc@gmail.com or 410-925-7959, if you are interested in serving in any of these roles.

Together in Differences -- CCEF NE Conference, April 2

The FCCW Board of Christian Education would like to invite you to attend a one-day conference put on by the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation of New England. It will be held in Lebanon, NH on **April 2, 2022**. FCCW has a special group rate, and according to people's desires, we may have a watch group at the church as well as a group attending in person. You may also watch from home or another remote location.

The topic for the day is Together in Differences. Below is the brief description of the topic and the schedule for the day:

TOGETHER IN DIFFERENCES

Living Out Our Unity in Christ

Division and discord seem to surround us, even in the places where we most long for connection. Scripture recognizes this modern yet timeless problem and invites us into a new way of relating to others. We will press into the real problem of disunity and the real hope of the body of Christ, and examine strategies for engaging our differences in a way that builds up the church. Join CCEF New England and special guest Alasdair Groves for a day of teaching and encouragement.

Conference Schedule

8:00-9:00am | Registration

9:00-10:15am | Plenary 1 "We Really Have Differences" (Andy Engert)

10:15-10:30am | Stretch break

10:30-11:45am | Plenary 2 "We Really Have Unity" (Robyn Huck)

11:45-1:15pm | Lunch break (local restaurants or pre-purchased boxed lunch)

1:15-2:00pm | Breakout Sessions

2:00-2:15pm | Stretch break

2:15-3:00pm | Plenary 3 "We Really Can Overcome Divisions" (Alasdair Groves)

3:00-3:30pm | Book table open

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions will explore these ideas further in the context of marriage and family, church and more.

To register, first email Jeff DeDell at dedellcrew@gmail.com for the special FCCW group discount code. Registration costs will go up after Feb 15 and March 15. Conference cost to FCCW folks will be between \$34 and \$49 dollars per person, depending on when you register. (There is an optional lunch you can add to your registration cost when you sign up online.)

After contacting Jeff for the code, go to www.ccef.org/newengland to register. Jeff can assist anyone who has trouble with online registration, and the BCE would also like you to tell him if you wish for assistance in paying for the conference.

The BCE is looking forward to this day of learning alongside other Christians about a struggle that is found in all our churches. Please save the date of Saturday, April 2, 2022.

Christ Is Our All

1. Rejoice When Christ Is Honored by His Proclamation (18)!

2. Rejoice When Christ Is Honored in Our Body (19-20)!

3. Rejoice! Because Christ Is Our Greatest Joy (21)!

CONCLUSION: We have in Christ all that we will ever need. We have gained in Him the whole world together. Paul encourages the Philippians to rejoice as he does whether he is maligned or highly esteemed so long as Christ is proclaimed. Likewise, regardless of impending death or continued life, he will rejoice in the privilege of honoring Christ with his body. To share in the sufferings of Christ is not a cause for shame but for rejoicing in our great gain.

*But I have trusted in Your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me. (Ps 13:5-6)*

First Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, *that I might win* more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order *to win* Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might *win* those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might *win* those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might *win* the weak. I have become all things to all people, *that by all means I might save some.* ²³ *I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them* in its blessings.

Romans 1:16

¹⁶ For *I am not ashamed* of the gospel, for it is the *power* of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Isaiah 49:22-23

Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; *those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.*”

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and *we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* ³ Not only that, but *we rejoice in our sufferings*, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and *hope does not put us to shame*, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Second Timothy 1:8-14

⁸ Therefore *do not be ashamed* of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but *share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,* ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But *I am not ashamed*, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that *he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.* ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Taking Gathered Worship Home

If someone threatens to harm us or shame us or even kill us, the power of the threat is our fear. But what if something is greater than that fear? What if the joy of what we are to gain is greater than the fear of what we may lose? Let's explore Paul's delight in Christ this week and see how it was so great by God's grace that it freed him from fear.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday Morning

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; 1Cor 9:19-23; Romans 1:16; 5:1-5; Isaiah 49:22-23; 2Timothy 1:8-14; Psalm 13:5-6.** DISCUSS How did the Romans seek to put folks to shame? How does the truth of the resurrection make that impossible for Paul, given his hope in Jesus? Why does Paul rejoice? How can we? PRAY "Lord Christ, help us to delight in You above all else. Teach us to trust Your promises."

Sunday Evening

Come join the *Young Adults' Fellowship* at 6pm in the FCCW library!

Monday

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; Romans 1:16; 5:1-5.** DISCUSS What does it mean to rejoice in hope? Is this automatic for the Christian? What is involved in this process, including perseverance, character, and hope? Why is *hope* at both the beginning and end of the list? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20.** PRAY, "Lord Jesus, *teach us to trust You* in all Your ways."

Tuesday

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; First Corinthians 9:19-23.** DISCUSS The same word for *gain* is used six times as *win/save* in Corinthians. What does Paul focus on gaining? Is this just notches in his evangelism tally? How does v. 23 address this? What does he want to share? With whom? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20.** PRAY, "Lord, help us to delight in being Your people. Teach us to proclaim Your glory to whomever You send us."

Wednesday

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; Isaiah 49:22-23**. DISCUSS, Waiting on the Lord is difficult. Why was Paul able to rejoice as he waited on God? How could he be certain he wouldn't end up disappointed? How did he know he wouldn't be put to shame? How can we? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20**. PRAY, "Lord, give us *gospel confidence* to trust You will all of our lives together."

Thursday

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; Second Timothy 1:8-14**. DISCUSS How did Paul tell Timothy he was to "*share in suffering for the gospel*"? In this same passage Paul tells Timothy both not to be ashamed and that he himself is not ashamed. Why? How is rejoicing in the Lord central to living out the gospel? MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20**. PRAY, Lord, You are more than enough for us. Teach us to be satisfied in You."

Friday

READ **Philippians 1:18-21; 1Cor 9:19-23; Romans 1:16; 5:1-5; Isaiah 49:22-23; Second Timothy 1:8-14; Psalm 13:5-6**. DISCUSS, How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? DELIGHT in Christ with all your heart and love His people with joy! MEDITATE on **Galatians 2:20**. PRAY for unity and joyful care for one another at FCCW.

Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow which is *available both in-person and via live-stream*. READ **Philippians 1:1-30; Psalm 13:1-6**. Invite others to join you tomorrow for the service. Ask Jesus to gather us together joyfully to praise Him.

Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.*